

Application to Discharge PLUS Loan -- Closed School

You may be able to have your student loan discharged. You may qualify if the student for whom the PLUS loan was made did not finish the education or training because the school closed. For you to qualify, the student must have been enrolled or on an approved leave of absence from the school when it closed, or have withdrawn from the school not more than 90 days before the date it closed. The date the school closed is the date it ceased to provide educational instruction in all programs.

If your loan is discharged, you will not owe any more payments on the loan, and you will get a refund of payments you made in the past. Also, if your loan is discharged, we will tell credit reporting agencies that the loan was discharged, and any adverse credit history resulting from nonpayment of your discharged loan will be deleted. In addition, your discharged loan will not prevent you from applying for federal financial aid.

If you believe that you may qualify, please fill out the enclosed application. **It is important that you provide a complete answer to each of the questions on the form to the best of your knowledge, based on the information available to you.** If you do not know or cannot get the information to answer some of the questions on the form, you are not necessarily precluded from having your loan discharged.

If the student attended a correspondence or home study school, you may want to include a further explanation of the student's enrollment dates or school closure date, and whether he/she had problems having lessons graded or scheduling the residential part of the program of study.

After completing and signing the enclosed application, return it and any supporting documentation to:

United States Department of Education
Debt Collection Service
Loan Discharge Applications
P.O. Box 422037
San Francisco, CA 94142

While we are deciding whether to discharge your loan, your loan will be in "forbearance." Forbearance means that you do not have to make payments. Interest will still be added to your balance. If your loan is not discharged, you will have to begin making payments. We will send you a written decision on your application as soon as possible.

The full criteria by which borrowers may qualify for such a discharge are set forth in Department of Education regulations 34 C.F.R. § 682.402(d) (1994).

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	SSN
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Please use this page if you need additional space to answer questions on the attached application. Indicate the number of the question(s) you are answering, and be sure your name and social security number is on any other sheet or document you attach.

Question #

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you:

The authority for collecting the requested information from and about you is Section 428(b)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(2)(a)). You are advised that completing an application for Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan discharge is voluntary, but that the requested information is necessary for the Department of Education to determine whether you qualify for loan discharge.

The principal purpose of this information is to verify your identity to determine whether you are eligible for discharge of your FFEL Program loan. You must provide all of the requested information that is available to you in order to have your application processed.

The routine uses of this information include its disclosure to federal, state, or local agencies, to provide parties such as relatives, present and former employers, business and personal associates, to guaranty agencies, to credit bureau organizations, to educational and financial institutions, and to agency contractors in order to verify your identity, to determine your eligibility for benefits, to permit the servicing or collection of your loan(s), to counsel you in repayment efforts, to investigate possible fraud and to verify compliance with Program regulations, or to locate you if you become delinquent in your loan(s) payments or you default.

Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a note) requires that when any federal, state, or local government agency requests that you disclose your Social Security Number (SSN), you must also be advised whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority your SSN is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.

Section 7(a)(2) of the Privacy Act provides that an agency may continue to require disclosure of your SSN as a condition to grant you a right, benefit, or privilege provided by law in cases in which the agency required this disclosure under statute or regulation prior to January 1, 1975, in order to verify the identity of an individual.

Disclosure of your SSN is required to participate in the FFEL Program loan discharge program. The United States Department of Education has, for several years, consistently required the disclosure of the SSN on application forms and other necessary FFEL Program loan documents adopted pursuant to published regulations. Authority for releasing this information is found in FFEL Program loan regulations, particularly 34 CFR 682.201(a)(2) and (b)(2) and 682.504.

Your SSN will be used to verify your identity, and as an account number (identifier) throughout the life of your loan(s) in order to record necessary data accurately. As an identifier, the SSN is used in such program activities as determining your eligibility, certifying your school attendance and student status, determining your eligibility for deferment of repayments, determine your eligibility for disability or death claims, and for tracing and collecting from you in case you become delinquent in your loan payments or you default.

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Before answering questions, read the complete application including the certification.
If you need additional space to answer any question, please attach a separate sheet to this form.
Please type or print your answers. For all dates, provide month, day, and year (MM/DD/YY).

WARNING: If you knowingly or willfully give false, fictitious, or fraudulent information on this form, you may be fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned, or both.

Personal Information

1. Last Name: First Name: M.I. 2. Soc. Sec. No: 3. Telephone Numbers (Include area codes):
Home: Work:

4. Your Street Address: City: State: Zip code: Apt. No.

5. Student's Full Name and Soc. Sec. No:

6. Your relationship to Student: Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian ☐ Other ☐ (Specify Other)

Student Enrollment/Attendance History

7. Name of School: 9. School OPE-ID Number:
(Skip if you do not know the school's OPE-ID No)

8. School's Street Address: City: State: Zip code: Suite No.

10. Attendance Dates (From/To): 11. When you applied for your Federal PLUS loan, when did the Student expect to complete his/her program of study?

12. Please give the name of program for which a discharge is requested.

13. Did Student ever voluntarily withdraw from the School and not return? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, go to question 14.
If Yes, please give the date Student withdrew from the School:

14. Did Student complete his/her program at the School? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, give date of completion:

15. Was Student attending the School when it closed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, give the closure date:

16. Was the Student on a leave of absence when the School closed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, go to question 16.
16a. If Yes, give the beginning and ending dates that the school authorized the Student to be on a leave of absence.

17. Did the School grant Student an extension to complete his/her program? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, or you don't know, go to question 17.
16a. If Yes, give the length of the extension and the new completion date:

18. After the School closed, did the Student complete, or he/she attempting to complete, his/her program of study at another school by transferring credits or hours earned at the closed School to another school, or by any other means? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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